

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 1:41 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Fletcher
Sandra Malawer
Charlotte Markva
Charles McAdams, III
Patricia Mullen
William Scott

BOARD COUNSEL: Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director-Discipline
Catherine Chappell, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Jennifer Lang, Administrative Assistant

COURT REPORTER: Lynn Taylor, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting, LLC

RESPONDENT: Scott Taylor, LPC Applicant

RESPONDENT'S WITNESSES: George Pratsinak, Ph.D.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist - Administrative Proceedings Division

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: None

DISCUSSION: Scott Taylor appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated July 21, 2011. Mr. Taylor was not represented by counsel. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a Motion by Mr. Fletcher and duly seconded, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of

consulting with legal counsel in the matter. Additionally, Mr. Fletcher moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Chappell and Ms. Lang attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a Motion by Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a Motion by Ms. Mullen and duly seconded by Ms. Markva, the Board voted to deny Mr. Taylor’s application. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Charles McAdams, III, Chair	Date

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Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director	Date